

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 19, 2010. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-17 and 19-33 were pending, and Claims 18 was previously cancelled.

In the Office Action, Claims 11-17, 20-21, 31, and 33 were rejected, and Claims 1-10, 19, 22-30, and 32 were allowed.

Claims 1 and 3 are herein amended for clerical reasons.

Rejected Claims 11-17, 20-21, 31, and 31 are herein cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New Claims 34-44 are added.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Claims 31 and 33 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are herein cancelled.

Claims 31 and 33 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have cancelled Claims 31 and 33.

Claims 11-17 and 20-21 rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are herein cancelled.

Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Earle* (U.S. Patent 2,232,696).

Further, Claims 11-17 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Earle*.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with these rejections, Applicants have cancelled Claims 11-17 and 20-21 in order to advance the allowed claims to issuance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 1-10, 19, 22-30, and 32 are allowed.

New Claims 34-44 are Allowable

New dependent Claims 34-38 depend from allowed independent Claim 32, and are thus allowable.

New independent Claim 39 is a system claim reciting two “means plus function” elements that perform the identical functions recited in allowed independent Claim 32. Thus, Applicants submit that new independent Claim 39 is allowable.

New dependent Claims 40-44 depend from new independent Claim 39, shown above to be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that new Claims 34-44 are in condition for allowance. Further, Applicants submit that no fees are required for new Claims 34-44. 11 claims are cancelled herein, including 2 independent claims (Claims 11 and 14). Claims 34-44 comprise 11 new claims, including 1 new independent claim (Claim 39). Thus, no fees should be required for new Claims 34-44.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4871 of King & Spalding L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512-457-2030.

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